

## CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

### ANNOTATED MINUTES AGENDA ITEM

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2008  
COUNCIL ACTION

#### ***I. PROCEDURES:***

- A. Call to Order Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge and Invocation Vice-Mayor Dent led the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Moore offered the invocation.
- C. Roll Call Present were Mayor John Moore and Councilmen Don Dent (Vice-Mayor), Frank McNelly, Bill Miller and Kevin Young.  
Present from City Staff were Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Joe Duffy, Police Chief Herman Nixon, Fire Chief Jeff Dent, Water Superintendent Ron Stilwell, Public Works Director Glenn Cornwell, Personnel Director Susan Kerley and City Planner/Interim City Clerk Harry Holmes.
- D. Adoption of Agenda Councilman Miller moved to adopt the agenda. Vice-Mayor Dent seconded and the motion carried 4-0.
- E. Approval of Minutes: Sept. 11, 2008 Councilman Young asked for two minor corrections. He then moved to approve the amended minutes of September 11, 2008. Vice-Mayor Dent seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

#### ***II. PRESENTATIONS:***

- A. Information regarding Kaibab National Forest prescribed burn program: Punky Moore/Joe Reinarz Forest Information Officer Moore introduced Mr. Reinarz who outlined the burn program.  
An area of 167 acres was ignited Monday near Cataract Lake, followed by 157 acres near Supai Butte on Tuesday. The fires were intended to reduce fuel on the forest floor and to raise the canopy by burning off lower limbs. This will protect against major wild fires this summer.  
South of I-40, several areas were planned for fuel reduction fires including 1927 acres southwest of Williams today and 1717 acres at Elk Lee tomorrow. Mr. Reinarz said these burns were part of a planned seven-year cycle, continuing last year's burns in the Three Sisters area. He said the first entry was always smokiest and that the work was never done. Tomorrow's burn was scheduled from 9 pm through 3 am and would not affect Williams. Wind speeds of 6 mph on the ground indicated 20 mph at 20' and would require stopping new ignitions.  
Walt Eastland reported heavy smoke at the Grand Canyon Railway locomotive shop and asked about notification. Ms. Moore listed methods used (contact list, media release, e-mail list, Williams News, AZ Daily Sun, door-to-door). Diana Croteau said she had been alerted by the door-to-door outreach.  
Mayor Moore thanked the Forest Service personnel for their presentation and for their excellent work. He said the City supported them 100%.

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B. Lauridsen Aviation Museum (Outline, Dimensioned Site Plan & Proposed Schedule): Hans Lauridsen

Mr. Cornwell introduced Hans Lauridsen to present his Aviation Museum concept.

Mr. Lauridsen spoke about his 22 historical aircraft, including a DC-3, a B-25 and an Albatross. He hoped to build a museum at Williams similar to the one at Palm Springs, which he described as the nicest in the southwest with its three buildings and 280,000 visitors per year.

Mr. Lauridsen is asking nothing from the City of Williams except reasonable lease terms and said he plans to start with a 20,000 square foot building worth \$400-\$500 thousand. He wants to give his vintage planes a home where they can be shared with the public.

He discussed with Councilman Young a possible joint marketing effort with Xanterra and said it would not be absolutely necessary to the project's success. Discussion also included a proposed 40-year lease, acreage needed versus land available and location factors.

Mayor Moore suggested joining items C and E so that Council could have all needed information before its decision.

C. Recommendation regarding Lauridsen Aviation Museum; FAA & ADOT 2008 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program: Stantec

Stantec Consultant Mark Kester updated the Airport Master Plan and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). He said the Museum was generally compatible with the airport, depending on specific site location and other details. He said a more thorough submittal is needed. Mr. Kester also said the project must conform with the City's grant assurances and the Airport Land Plan, and that it must not violate airspace clearance. He also noted that lease terms of up to 40 years are now more likely to be considered acceptable.

Bill Harvey spoke about FAA and ADOT funding and the CIP. The State had swept \$36 million from the ADOT Aeronautical budget. Of nine projects originally proposed, seven were considered by FAA/ADOT and the taxiway lighting project had been funded. The improvements would be valuable now and would also be needed to accommodate future commercial air service.

The Mayor and Council also spoke with the consultants about whether the City could lose any unused funding. Mr. Harvey confirmed that all currently approved grants are on line for timely completion. They also discussed whether Stantec would charge for its review of the proposed Museum. Mr. Kester said there would be a nominal added cost.

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

D. Approval of Purchase Orders: J. Duffy

Mr. Duffy said the Consent Agenda consisted of only two purchase orders.

Vice-Mayor Dent then moved to approve the consent agenda items, Councilman Moore seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

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**IV. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

- E. Discussion and decision regarding Lauridsen Aviation Museum, including Airport Advisory Committee's recommendation: G. Cornwell
- Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) Vice-Chairman Walt Eastland reported the AAC approval of the Museum concept and its recommendation that Council move forward in seeking a more detailed submittal for the proposed Museum.
- Councilman Young then moved to seek a more detailed project submittal for the Lauridsen Aviation Museum. Councilman Miller seconded and the motion carried 4-0.
- F. Discussion and decision regarding closure of S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. for the City Christmas Tree: Diana Croteau
- Council discussed the closure and noted that it historically included Rte. 66 for tree lighting. Councilman Miller then moved to approve the closure of S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. from Rte. 66 south to the alley approximately November 14<sup>th</sup> through the end of Polar Express and to approve the closure of two blocks of Rte. 66 during the tree lighting ceremony. Vice-Mayor Dent seconded and the motion carried 4-0.
- G. Discussion and decision regarding status of volunteer firefighters: Chief Jeff Dent
- Mayor Moore introduced Fire Chief Dent, who read a letter into the record outlining the department's complaints about disciplinary actions against two firefighters and about the department's funding from the Arizona Fire Marshall.
- The Mayor asked and Chief Dent explained how department members were selected: candidates are sponsored by current members, are voted in by the full department, serve six months probation, complete training, are evaluated on their response and productivity and are voted to full-time status by the entire department.
- Council and Mr. Duffy then discussed the issues and Mr. Duffy said the Fire Marshall's funds could be made up from the general fund.
- Council discussed whether firefighters should be considered City employees (they have their own rules and they have only recently been paid directly by the City purely for convenience). Council disagreed on the merits of a legal opinion stating that they were employees.
- Mayor Moore suggested a meeting with the City Manager, Personnel Director and fire department representatives to discuss a release of the complaint by the firefighters.
- Councilman McNelly moved to reaffirm the firefighters' status as volunteers. Councilman Young seconded. Mayor Moore ordered a roll call vote.
- Councilman Miller voted aye;
  - Vice-Mayor Dent voted aye;
  - Councilman McNelly voted aye;
  - Councilman Young voted aye.
- The motion carried 4-0. Mayor Moore said that would have voted aye.

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***Recess to public hearing on St. Joseph Catholic Church Bingo License Application***

Mayor Moore recessed for a public hearing. No one wished to address Council on this item.

***Reconvene regular session***

- H. Discussion and decision regarding endorsement of Bingo License Application for St. Joseph Catholic Church: Judy Brane
- Mayor Moore then reconvened the regular Council session.
- Councilman McNelly moved to endorse the Bingo License request for St. Joseph Catholic Church.
- Vice-Mayor Dent seconded and the motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

**V. *REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:***

- A. Mayor and Council
- Councilman Miller reported on the water adequacy meeting he and Councilman Young attended. He said proposed legislation would give Coconino County control over the City's water future and that the Williams should opt out of the process. He also said more clarification was needed. Councilman Young added that comments were due March 9<sup>th</sup>. He said we could operate under our own rules and could back out later if needed; once we're under County control, we're there for life! Councilman Miller said the key point is 100-year adequacy: who determines it and how. Councilman Young noted that the Route 66 Apartments were requesting approval and wondered about their water allocation. Mayor Moore also mentioned the allocation for Gonzales Ranch, with approx. 500 residential units.
- B. City Manager and Staff Reports
- Mr. Duffy announced that the auction of City property would be this Saturday from 10 am - noon, with a preview Friday from 1-4 pm. He also noted that the Impact Fees work session was set for Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.
- Chief Nixon said Williams would play for the championship next Thursday in Prescott.

**VI. *ADJOURN:***

Councilman Miller moved to adjourn, Councilman Young seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Mayor John Moore

ATTEST

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City Clerk